

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5294
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RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER CRF AND NFCR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) were constituted as per recommendations of the Ninth and Tenth Finance Commissions respectively and the central contribution to the CRF was to be released automatically on quarterly basis.

(b) if so, the money released under CRF and NFCR since inception till date and how much of that has been expended, State-wise;

(c) whether the audit found that from 1992-98 most of the States failed to adhere to the stipulation to keep separately CRF from that of general revenues of the State and crores of rupees were accounted for as State receipts in many States; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken to ensure that the State Governments release simultaneously matching grant and to account for the money properly?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) was constituted on the recommendations of the Ninth Finance Commission for the 5-year period 1990-91 to 1994-95 and the CRF was continued from 1995-96 to 1999-2000, on the recommendations of the Tenth Finance Commission (TFC), and contributed by the Government of India and State Governments concerned in the ratio of 3:1. The Central share was normally released in four quarterly instalments. In addition, the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) was constituted on the recommendations of the TFC for the period 1995-96 to 1999-2000, to deal with natural calamities of rare severity. Statement indicating State-wise details of release of Central share of CRF for the period 1990-91 to 1999-2000 and assistance from NFCR for the period 1995-96 to 1999-2000, are at Annexure.

(c) & (d): The Comptroller and Auditor General of India had brought out instances of inappropriate and inadmissible expenditure by various States from the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and from allocations made from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR). These findings together with the recommendations thereon by the Public Accounts Committee, in its 28th Report, have been brought to the notice of the State Governments with the directions that each and every instance of this nature be inquired into and specific responsibility be fixed for lapses noticed, along with remedial action. The responsibility for ensuring timely contribution of State's share to CRF vests with the State Government concerned. Guidelines have been issued to the State Governments, from time to time, regarding proper utilisation of funds.

Annexure

State-wise details of release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the period 1990-91 to 1999-2000 and assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) for the period 1995-96 to 1999-2000.

(Rs. in crore)

Assistance released

Sl.No.	Name of State	Central share of CRF released	from NFCR
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1990-91 to 1994-95	1995-96 to 1999-2000	1995-96 to 1999-2000	
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1.	Andhra Pradesh	322.50	490.33	306.86
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	7.50	27.79	26.47
3.	Assam	112.50	197.46	80.90
4.	Bihar	131.25	193.88	87.63
5.	Goa	3.75	4.23	-
6.	Gujarat	318.75	551.17	196.83
7	Haryana	63.75	98.93	52.68
8.	Himachal Pradesh	67.50	106.41	47.85
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	45.00	77.80	91.59
10.	Karnataka	101.25	165.23	89.07
11.	Kerala	116.25	218.74	12.91
12.	Madhya Pradesh	138.75	201.67	141.62
13.	Maharashtra	165.00	254.50	-
14.	Manipur	3.75	9.25	4.93
15.	Meghalaya	7.50	11.01	10.00
16.	Mizoram	3.75	5.00	10.71
17.	Nagaland	3.75	6.71	-
18.	Orissa	176.25	193.51	912.90
19.	Punjab	105.00	213.80	16.16
20.	Rajasthan	465.00	706.89	145.91
21.	Sikkim	11.25	18.59	20.19
22.	Tamil Nadu	146.25	234.33	25.00
23.	Tripura	11.25	17.75	10.39
24.	Uttar Pradesh	337.50	494.00	147.83
25.	West Bengal	150.00	202.63	116.85
Total		3015.00	4701.61	2555.28